



United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service

Idaho Crop Progress and Condition

Cooperating with the Idaho State Department of Agriculture
Idaho Field Office • PO Box 1699 • Boise, Idaho 83701

(800) 691-9987 • (208) 334-1507 • (208) 334-1114 FAX • www.nass.usda.gov



Issue: ID-CW4007

Released: October 9, 2007

Week Ending: October 7, 2007

Media Contact: Bill Meyer

Cooperating with: Dr. Charlotte Eberlein

Director for Cooperative Extension

University of Idaho

Cool, Wet Weather Slows Fieldwork

Agricultural Summary

Most farmers welcomed the much needed moisture that slowed harvest and fall seeding last week. Precipitation fell throughout Idaho, and totals were above normal for most weather stations. Average temperatures during the first week of October were between 4 and 8 degrees below normal. For the week ending October 7, major agricultural activities included harvesting potatoes, sugar beets, corn silage, apples, planting winter wheat, and fall cultivation.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

With last week's rains, topsoil moisture improved to 11% very short, 52% short, 35% adequate, and 2% surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 5.4 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Field Crop Report

Heavy accumulations of snow were reported from Jefferson County to Fremont County in East Idaho, damaging trees and power lines. Fall cultivation and winter wheat planting were delayed in North Idaho. Despite the wet weather, harvest progress for the week was significant. In some areas, much of the progress came before the wet weather, and in many areas fields dried quickly as the dry soil soaked up moisture. In Southwest and South-central Idaho, some dry beans were in windrows, and hay had not been baled when the rains came. Late cuttings of alfalfa also suffered damage in East Idaho. In the Treasure Valley, apple harvest is estimated to be 60 percent complete. Very good yields were reported for silage corn in Franklin County.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

No livestock problems have been reported as ranchers move their stock from the high grazing areas.

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2007	2006	Avg.
Onions Harvested	94	76	85
Field Corn Harvested for Grain	21	23	9
Field Corn Harvested for Silage	92	91	88
Dry Beans Harvested	95	96	95
Alfalfa Hay 4th cutting Harvested	88	87	79

Condition Table

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Potato	2	2	18	70	8
Irr. Water Supply	23	31	35	11	--
Range & Pasture	21	43	27	9	--

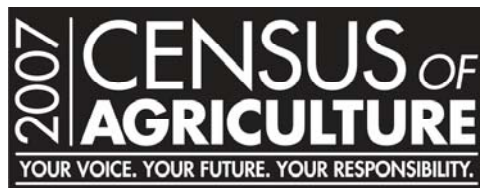
Crop Progress District Table

Crop	North			Southwest			South-Central			East			State		
	2007	2006	Avg	2007	2006	Avg	2007	2006	Avg	2007	2006	Avg	2007	2006	Avg
Winter Wheat															
Planted	44	66	54	85	81	80	90	64	73	84	76	78	67	70	67
Emerged	2	16	7	54	47	41	42	19	29	47	42	40	26	28	24
Potatoes															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	99	94	94	79	56	61	63	44	52	69	51	57
Sugarbeets															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	28	5	6	15	28	17	18	13	17	18	21	15

Avg (2002 - 2006); NA = Very small percentage of acreage in district.

Find agricultural statistics for your county, State, and the Nation at www.nass.usda.gov.

USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer



Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, October 7, 2007 ^{1/}

Station	Weekly Air Temperature				Weekly Precipitation		Since Mar 1 Precipitation		Growing Degree Days Since March 1		
	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total Inches	DFN	Total Inches	DFN	Base 40 Total	Base 50 Total	Base 50 DFN
North											
Coeur D' Alene	57	36	47	-8	0.98	0.70	7.43	-4.29	4020	2215	58
Grangeville	55	32	44	-7	0.45	0.03	12.77	-3.05	3815	2044	440
Lewiston	67	39	53	-5	0.29	0.11	3.69	-3.50	5449	3362	521
Porthill	57	32	45	-4	1.16	0.89	9.36	-1.06	3783	2003	351
Winchester	55	31	42	-8	0.67	0.32	9.06	-6.00	3198	1559	459
Southwest											
Boise	68	36	50	-7	0.25	0.11	3.83	-2.31	5064	3018	309
Emmett	72	35	50	-6	0.39	0.24	4.09	-1.99	5021	3049	453
Glenns Ferry	66	30	50	-6	0.05	-0.05	3.74	-0.93	5175	3171	557
Grandview	69	30	50	-7	0.02	-0.09	2.25	-1.82	5071	3034	149
Nampa	65	35	49	-8	0.07	-0.07	3.81	-1.46	5015	2980	267
Parma	67	38	51	-4	0.32	0.18	3.53	-2.23	5163	3104	569
South Central											
Fairfield	64	24	43	-7	0.04	-0.10	2.25	-4.55	3267	1664	198
Malta	63	24	46	-7	0.20	0.04	5.81	-1.61	3933	2162	139
Picabo	60	26	43	-7	1.10	0.96	3.23	-3.07	3991	2250	661
Rupert	62	30	45	-8	0.96	0.82	4.56	-0.83	4161	2323	247
Twin Falls	63	33	46	-7	0.92	0.78	3.68	-1.83	4469	2567	586
East											
Aberdeen	60	31	44	-6	0.38	0.23	5.38	-0.38	4000	2220	481
Ashton	58	30	42	-7	0.64	0.36	5.45	-5.66	3441	1804	467
Fort Hall	62	31	44	-8	1.04	0.83	5.96	-1.50	4010	2242	267
Idaho Falls	59	31	44	-6	0.92	0.72	3.26	-3.57	3940	2174	332
Lava Hot Springs	61	30	44	-8	0.75	0.54	6.75	-0.71	3941	2209	234
Montevideo	65	25	42	-8	0.75	0.61	3.59	-2.81	3551	1855	124
Preston	67	31	47	-6	0.88	0.60	8.20	-0.86	4395	2572	496
Rexburg	61	29	44	-6	1.20	0.99	5.09	-3.25	3687	1948	519

1/ Summary based on NWS data. DFN = Departure From Normal. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit. Weather data prepared by AWIS, Inc. For more weather information visit www.awis.com or call 1-888-798-9955.